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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: T. Nguyen
KEISUKE ARAKI, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2872
Appln. No.: Div. of 09/127,031)	
filed July 31, 1998	:	
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Filed: January 26, 2004	:	
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APPARATUS)	(Monday)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows: